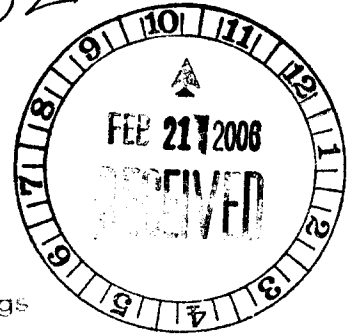




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RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.66 near Hampton to M.P. 326.50 near Coulter, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 201X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

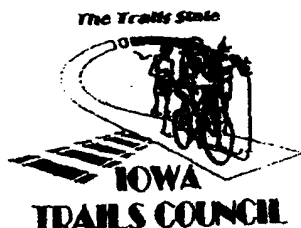
Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific" has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated February 13, 2006 for an additional 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.66 near Hampton, Iowa to Milepost 326.50 near Coulter Iowa, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa. The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request for an additional 180-day extension in which to negotiate. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

cc: Iowa Trails Council



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February 13, 2006

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street
Washington, D. C., 20423

Dear Secretary Williams

This is with reference to AB-33 (Sub No. 201X) and our application for permission to negotiate for the acquisition of the railroad right-of-way between Hampton and Coulter in Franklin County, Iowa. The time that has been allotted to us for these negotiations will expire on February 28, 2006.

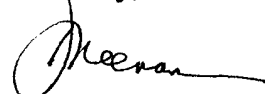
We are asking for another 180 day period in which to complete these negotiations. as we have, as yet been unable to do so. Negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad are continuing and I believe the railroad is agreeable to a extended period for these negotiations.

We do hope to finalize an agreement to acquire this corridor for use as a trail within the next 180 day period, when that additional time is granted.

Ten copies of this letter are being provided to your office and a copy of this petition is being sent to the Chicago and Omaha offices of the Union Pacific Railroad, with the request that they acknowledge the willingness of the railroad to continue these negotiations.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Tom F. Neenan

